

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed March 1, 2006. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 5, 19 and 21, 23 – 27, 30 and 31 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 1, 19 and 24, has added claims 30 and 31, and has canceled claims 6 – 18, 20, 22, 28 and 29 without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Applicant has canceled claims 6 – 18, 20, 22, 28 and 29 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 22. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2 – 5, 19, 21 and 23 are in condition for allowance for at least this reason.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 5, 13 – 14, 19, 21 and 23 – 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Selker* in view of *Lentz*. As set forth above, Applicant has canceled claims 13 and 14, and respectfully assert that

the rejections as to these claims have been rendered moot. With respect to the remaining claims, Applicant respectfully traverses.

In particular, as set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 22, the allowability of which is set forth in the Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2 – 5, 19, 21 and 23 are in condition for allowance for at least this reason.

With respect to claim 24, Applicant has amended this claim to recite:

24. A device comprising:
a display enclosure having slots;
a display mounted to the display enclosure, the display having a front and a back, the front being operative to display images;
a shield operative to shield the front of the display from incident light; and
first and second extensions spaced from each other and extending from the shield, each of the first and second extensions having a pin at a distal end thereof, each said pin engaging within a corresponding one of the slots such that each said pin is slideable within the corresponding one of the slots and rotatable such that the shield is movable between a first position to block incident light from reaching the front of the display and a second position adjacent the back of the display;
wherein the shield in the first position is oriented in front of the display enclosure in a position that is substantially adjacent to and substantially parallel to a first surface of the display enclosure wherein the display resides such that the shield covers an exposed area of the display.

(Emphasis Added).

Applicants respectfully assert that the cited art, either individually or in combination, is legally deficient for the purpose of rendering claim 24 unpatentable. In particular, the cited art does not teach or reasonably suggest at least the features/limitations emphasized above in claim 24. Notably, the Office Action appears to indicate such in the comments regarding the allowability of previous claim 22. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 24 is in condition for allowance.

Since claims 25 – 27, 30 and 31 are dependent claims that incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 24, and are not otherwise rejected in the Action, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations that can serve as an independent basis for patentability. Further, no new matter has been added with the addition of new claims 30 and 31.


Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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